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SUBJECT: FRENCH POLICY CONCERNING ITS PACIFIC
TERRITORIES

REF: SUVA A-41

1. DURING A CONVERSATION ABOUT OTHER AREAS, FRENCH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR OVERSEAS DEPARTMENTS AND TERRITORIES, OLIVIER STIRN, SPOKE BRIEFLY TO CHARGE JULY 30 ABOUT FRANCE'S PACIFIC TERRITORIES. STIRN SAID THAT FRANCE WOULD GRANT FULL FRENCH CITIZENSHIP TO THE INHABITANTS OF ITS "PACIFIC ISLANDS" BUT WOULD GRANT THEM MUCH GREATER AUTONOMY. LOCAL ASSEMBLIES WOULD BE ABLE TO DECIDE MOST INTERNAL MATTERS; FRANCE WOULD CONTINUE TO CONTROL DEFENSE, FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SOME OF THE PRINCIPAL INSTALLATIONS SUCH AS AIRPORTS. WHEN CHARGE NOTED THAT THIS WOULD BE SIMILAR TO U.S. COMMONWEALTH RELATIONSHIP WITH PUERTO RICO, STIRN AGREED.

2. COMMENT: WE ARE NOT CERTAIN THAT STIRN'S COMMENT
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WAS MEANT TO APPLY TO ALL FRENCH PACIFIC ISLANDS.

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